

**INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2160-MC-FFS**

**DATE:** September 1, 2020

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Ambulance Providers

**ISSUED BY:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**Applies To:** Managed Care (MC) and Fee-for-Service (FFS)

**RE:** Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Prospective Payment Program Updates

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

This letter provides updates on the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Prospective Payment Program reimbursement rates for state fiscal year (SFY) 2020 through SFY 2022 and the SFY 2020 GEMT Medicaid cost report submission requirement.

**SFY 2020 Medicaid Uncompensated Care Cost (UCC) Per Transport Rate**

All voluntary participating GEMT providers are reimbursed at the statewide average rate of \$1,183.97 for claims with dates of service from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, with no retroactive adjustment for the adjusted SFY 2018 Medicaid GEMT cost report.

**SFY 2021 Medicaid UCC Per Transport Rate Effective July 1, 2020**

All voluntary participating GEMT providers are reimbursed at the provider-specific Medicaid UCC per transport rate based on the adjusted SFY 2019 Medicaid GEMT cost report for claims with dates of service from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. There will be no adjustment to the SFY 2021 provider-specific rate for any overpayments or underpayments made during SFY 2020.

Prior to July 1, 2020, the IME provided the “as submitted” SFY 2019 provider-specific supplemental payment rates to the IA Health Link Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). The finalized SFY 2021 provider-specific rates will be provided to the MCOs by August 31, 2020. Any previously submitted and paid claims with dates of service July 1, 2020, and after will be reprocessed by the MCOs and the IME to pay them at the final SFY 2021 rates.

## **SFY 2021 Intergovernmental Transfer**

The first invoice for the non-federal share Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) for SFY 2021 supplemental payments will be sent the second week of September 2020 and will be for July 1, 2020, through October 31, 2020, managed care IGT amounts and for any Medicaid FFS claims suspended for payment. Subsequent invoices will be sent on a monthly basis with payment due by the last day of the month the invoice was received.

## **SFY 2022 Medicaid UCC Per Transport Rate Effective July 1, 2021**

The provider-specific Medicaid UCC per transport rate for voluntarily participating providers are determined by the adjusted SFY 2020 Medicaid GEMT cost report. Going forward, the provider-specific rates will be determined by the adjusted Medicaid GEMT cost report for the previous SFY.

## **SFY 2020 Cost Report Due Date and Submission Requirements**

The SFY 2020 Medicaid GEMT cost report is due **November 30, 2020**. The following must be included in the submission:

- Excel version of cost report (must use the current version on the Iowa Medicaid website)
- Signed PDF version of Certification page of cost report
- Signed PDF version of SFY 2022 Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement
- Signed PDF version of the Provider Participation Agreement
- Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (if applicable)
- Working trial balance / fund accounting report
- Grouping schedules
- Audited financial statements
- Support for ambulance transports (Schedule 9 support template can be used)
- Square footage allocation statistics support
- Hours logged allocation statistics support (Schedule 4 support template can be used)
- Schedule 6 reclassification support
- Schedule 7 adjustment support
- Indirect cost support
- IGT Funding Source document

Electronic versions of the cost report, Schedule 4 support template, Schedule 9 support template, IGT funding source document and other program related documents and information is located here: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/tools-trainings-and-services/medicaid-initiatives/GEMT>

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Cost Audit (PCA) Unit at [costaudit@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:costaudit@dhs.state.ia.us) or 1-866-863-8610.